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SUBJECT:GAO REVIEW: PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOL IN RELATION TO  
HIGHWAY SAFETY

1. THE GAO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT PLANS TO  
CONDUCT SUBJECT REVIEW IN THE UNITED STATES AND AT  
ADDRESSEE POSTS BEGINNING IN EARLY APRIL, 1978. THE  
PURPOSE OF THE STUDY IS TO OBTAIN DATA ON EACH COUNTRY'S  
HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH THIS SPECIFIC  
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PROBLEM FOR REVIEW AND ANALYSIS BY THE GAO IN DETERMINING  
WHAT ROLES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD PLAY IN ITS  
ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.

2. THIS REVIEW WILL BE PERFORMED BY A TWO OR POSSIBLY A  
THREE-MAN TEAM THAT WILL SPEND UP TO ONE MONTH IN COUNTRY.  
THE WORK IN OTTAWA WILL BE HANDLED BY A GAO TEAM FROM

CHICAGO; A GAO FAR EAST BRANCH TEAM WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH OFFICE FRANKFURT WILL TRAVEL TO OSLO AND LONDON. INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION AND NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS, DATES OF VISIT, (TIMING SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY THE POST), SECURITY CLEARANCES, TRAVEL PLANS AND HOTEL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE RESPECTIVE ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICES AS SOON AS KNOWN.

3. THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 930-934. ALL QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. FOR CANBERRA: GAO VISIT TO AUSTRALIA WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER APRIL 11 IN ORDER NOT TO CONFLICT WITH POST'S PREPARATION FOR AND VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PARTY. VANCE

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